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IN RE APPLICATION OF :

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EXAMINER: FLOOD, M.C.

SERIAL NO: 10/067,941 :

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GROUP ART UNIT: 1651

FOR: TREATING METHOD FOR
SUPPRESSING HAIR GROWTH :

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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Responsive to the Official Action dated November 5, 2002, and accompanied by a petition for a two month extension of time and the appropriate fees, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1, 3, 4, 7 and 8 and add the following new claims:

--9. (New) A method of inhibiting hair growth comprising administering to a surface of skin in need thereof an effective amount of (B) an elastase inhibitor and (C) at least one proteolytic enzyme selected from the group consisting of papain, trypsin, chymotrypsin, pepsin, bromelain, ficin and pancreatin.